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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF INTERFERENCE

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed on April 21, 2000, setting a response period expiring on May 21, 2000, applicant responds to the Official Action as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 35, 36, and 38.

Please add the following new claims:

--39. A method of improving data retention within a non-volatile writeable memory, the method comprising the steps of: